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CHESS TOURNAMENTS

1998 SCHOLASTIC- May 2-3, 1998-Mandan High School, Mandan, ND
May 16, 1998-Calling All Chessplayers-Park Christian School-300 N. 17th St.-Moorhead, MN
May 29, 1998- 1998 ND Speed Tournament - Best Western Doublewood Inn, Bismarck, ND
May 30-31, 1998- 1998 Closed - Best Western Doublewood Inn, Bismarck, ND

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TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling all chessplayers

May 16 at Park Chrisitan School - 300 No. 17th St. -Moorhead, MN.
Register ($ 10.00) from 8:30 to 9. Cash prizes per entry.
3 rds. beginning at 9 a.m.
Time controls: 35/75; than G/30.
For more info call Art Bayley at (701)239-4985

1998 SCHOLASTIC
See attached flyer

1998 Speed ND Closed Speed Tournament
May 29, 1998- Best Western Doublewood Inn in Bismarck

FRIDAY 5/29/98
Registration 7-7:20 pm
Tournament starts at 7:30 pm

1998 Closed Championship
May 30-31-Best Western Doublewood Inn in Bismarck. 6 Rds. (4rds Sat. and 2rds Sun.)

Saturday 5/30/98
8:00 am Registration Opens
9:00 am Registration Closes
9:30 am Tournament Anouncements
10:00 am Round 1 (Game/60)
1:00 pm Round 2 (Game/90)
4:00 pm Round 3 (Game/90)
8:00 pm Round 4 (Game/2 hrs)

Sunday 5/31/98
8:00 am Business Meeting
9:00 am Round 5 (Game/2hrs)
2:00 pm Round 6 (Game/2hrs)
6:00 pm Awards and Trophy presentations

If all games in a round finish early, the directors will adjust the start times of the following rounds in order to finish each days events as early as possible.
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Please send pre-registration to Brian Thompson at 1257 North 3rd Street, Fargo, ND by May 20th, 1998 to speed up the pairing process. **NOTE** -Limit to one 1/2 point bye(first 5 rds only)
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JOHN H. LEITEL (1876 -- Moorhead, MN) vs. FRANK BARRETT (c. 1914 -- Beaver Falls, NY)

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1.	d4	d5	15.	a3	Ndb8 3)
2.	e4 1)	e6 2)	16.	g4	b6
3.	Nd2	c5	17.	h4	Ba6
4.	c3	Nf6	18.	Bxa6	Rxa6
5.	e5	Nfd7	19.	f5	a4
6.	Bd3	Nc6	20.	f6	b5
7.	Ne2	Qb6	21.	g5	g6
8.	Nf3	cd	22.	h5	Na5
9.	cd	Bb4+	23.	hg	fg
10.	Bd2	Bxd2+	24.	Rh6 4)	Nc4
11.	Qxd2	Qb4	25.	Nxc4 5)	bc
12.	0-0-0	Qxd2+	26.	Rdh1	Rf7
13.	Nxd2	a5	27.	Nf4	Nd7
14.	f4	0-0	28.	Nxg6	RESIGNS 6)

1) My favorite -- the Blackmar-Diemer.

2) Black will have none of that and transposes to a French. Of course he can also make it a Caro-Kann if he chooses.

3) The difference in this game is that basically I was allowed to do anything I wanted on the kingside, while his queenside maneuvers never really got rolling. His pieces soon become mere impotent observers.

4) I like this move! The idea was to prevent . . . h5, which, even though I could take it en passant, would kind of foil my plans to double rooks against h7.

5) I probably could have doubled rooks immediately but figured I'd pause a moment to eliminate his best-placed piece. Why not?

6) As Fischer used to say (and it sure is true a lot of the time), "Three pieces equals a mate." Black can't take the knight and, now that his kingside has been totally overrun, it's hopeless. In another couple moves I'll get in the g6 thrust, and it looks "bleak for black." If 28 . . . Nf8 (what else?), just 29. Nxf8 and black really can't recapture either way. I got a kick out of the fact that, even though I was denied the chance to play the KDG, I got as potent an attack anyway!

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2-13-98 LIND MEMORIAL UNION CAISSA'S REVENGE

EVENT ID	SECTION	SEC. NAME	PLAYERS	ROUNDS	REF	TNMT TYPE	T.D. ID
980207842	1	OPEN	5	4	R-F	SWISS STDRD	12439135

MEM ID	PLR#	NAME	ST	PreRate	PstRate	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
12526381	1	THOMPSON, BRIAN E	ND	1787*	1803*	W---5	W---3	W---2	U----	3.0
12564947	2	THOMPSON, DAVID	ND	1093*	1146*	W---5	W---4	L---1	U----	2.0
12402774	3	HAGEN, DALE W	MN	1686*	1670*	D---4	L---1	W---5	U----	1.5
12557371	4	SAILER, JON	ND	1375*	1378*	D---3	L---2	W---5	U----	1.5
12439135	5	ALLENSWORTH, JOHN	ND	1440*	1383*	L---1	L---2	L---4	L---3	0.0

Dakota Open, Round 7
White: Mike Sailer 2220
Black: Doug Hare 2196

This was the last round of the 7 round $1,000 Dakota Open held in Madison, SD this March. I was tied for first after Saturday, but played poorly against Leonard Johnson (2378) of Minnesota in round 5. My only chance of finishing in the top was to beat Doug whom was a half point ahead.
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 d5 (The Queens Gambit Declined is a solid opening choice in the last round of a tournament when you don't necessarily have to win.) **4. Nf3** (4. Bg5 is probably seen more often, but I was still toying with the idea of developing my bishop to f4. This is why all the books tell you to develop your knight before bishops.) **Be7** (This is the most popular square in the QGD. Moving the bishop to b4 can lead to some Nimzo Indian lines that are favorable to white.) **5. Bg5** (I decided to develop the bishop on g5 because I have more experience with the move. The tournament was played at 40/1, G/30 so playing a familiar opening is definitely a good strategy.) **h6 6. Bh4** (More often seen is Bxf6, but I have found the simple retreat more to my liking. I like the flexibility of being able to capture the knight at a later time or retreat the bishop back to g3. In many variations the dark squared bishops are swapped. I feel this is to white's advantage because of the weakened dark squares on black's kingside.) **O-O** (Perhaps a bit premature. Now black has lost the option of playing g5. More often seen is 6. ... b6) **7. e3 b6 8. cxd5 Nxd5** (Temporarily giving up the center in order to create the opportunity of counter-attacking white in the center to create weaknesses.) **9. Bxe7 Qxe7 10. Bd3** (Keeping an eye on black's weakened kingside) **Bb7 11. O-O Nd7 12. Nxd5 Bxd5 13. e4** (Whenever an opponent allows me to control the center, I grab it and hold on for dear life.) **Bb7 14. Rc1 c5** (Attempting to put a dent into white's imposing center. A standard strategy that needs to be implemented at all costs.) **15. Qa4** (This is a move that is often played without meaning. If is extremely important to fully understand the strengths and weaknesses of such a queen move before committing the most powerful piece to the side of the board. In this particular variation, the queen isn't really effective on d1. On d1, the queen is in the way of the f1 rook. In many QGD lines, the white rooks belong on the c and d file. In other lines, the rooks belong on d1 and e1. And in a few lines, the rooks should be doubled on one of the files. In this particular position, a rook needs to be on he d1 square to ensure the better game when pawns get traded in the center.) **a6** (This move takes control of the b5 square to end such nonsense moves such as Bb5 and Ba6. It also reminds white that the queen on a4 could soon be harassed with the black queenside pawns moving up the board.) **16. Bb1** (Bishops are long range pieces that frequently get in the way of friendly pieces. The bishop on d3 gets in the way of the white rooks. White also has the long-term prospect transferring the bishop to a2 if the b1 to h7 diagonal becomes blocked.) **Rfc8** (Black needs to swap a pair of rooks in order to negate white's early initiative. If white is allowed to double rooks on an open file and penetrate black's position, the game would have a quick conclusion.) **17. Rfd1** (Now white's last 3 moves start to make sense. White has mobilized his reserves and now is in good position to take control of the game.) **cxd** (A well-known chess principle states that tension in the center is to blacks advantage. I believe the basis behind the strategy is due to white being able to mobilize his pieces faster due to having the first move. In this position, I believe black can get away with the trade, although I don't envy black's ensuing position.) **18. Rxc8 Rxc8 19. Qxd4** (White now has the easier game, although additional weaknesses need to be created in black's position to create a winning advantage.) **Nc5** (A good square for black's knight.) **20. Ne5** (As of right now, the knight is the only piece that isn't on an optimal square.) **Qc7 21. f3** (This move reinforces white's center and eliminates all types of annoying tactics that could occur on the a8 to h1 diagonal. Some players might ask why white is placing pawns on the same color as his bishop. Actually, the rule is one shouldn't fix pawns on the same color as their bishop. In this position, white still has the option of placing the pawns on e5 and f4. It is important that white doesn't allow the pawns to become fixed. If this would occur, almost all endgames would be bad for white.) **b5** (Black is gaining real estate on the queenside in order to obtain counterplay.) **22. Ng4** (This is a square you rarely see a white knight so early in a game. The move puts pressure on the weakened h6 and f6 squares for black. It also gives white the option of opening up the sensitive b1 to h7 diagonal with the possibility of white moving his e pawn to e5. Black needs to be careful.) **Na4** (I don't think all that much of this move. Black needs to stabilize his kingside before committing any pieces to the kingside. In this position, if the

1998 NORTH DAKOTA SCHOLASTIC CHESS TOURNAMENT

May 2-3, 1998

Location: Mandan Senior High School, 905 8th Avenue NW, Mandan

Sections:

High School	(grades 10, 11, 12)	pairings made for individual performance
Junior High School	(grades 7, 8, 9)	pairings made for individual performance
Middle School	(grades 4, 5, 6)	pairings made for team performance
Primary	(grades 1, 2, 3)	pairings made for team performance

Entry fee: High School and Junior High: $10 per player, which includes a one year NDCA membership. Current NDCA members pay only $5.
Middle School and Primary: $5 per player.

Prizes: Individual and Team prizes awarded for each section. 1st place individuals will receive trophies and a one year NDCA membership. 2nd and 3rd place individuals will receive trophies (tiebreak used). 1st place team in each section (1 team per school) will receive a team trophy. Each member of the 1st place team will receive a one year NDCA membership.

Teams: Teams are formed by chess players in the same section and from the same school. Each team is represented by all of the students from their school, with the top four scores from the group used as the team score. If there are fewer than four players from a school, they may still form a team, but they will have fewer scores to pool for their team.

Rounds: High School and Junior High:
Saturday, May 2nd: 11:00am / 2:00pm / 5:00pm
Sunday, May 3rd: 11:00am / 2:00pm
Middle School and Primary:
Saturday, May 2nd: 11:00am / 1:00 pm / 2:00pm / 3:00pm / 4:00pm

Registration: Send completed pre-registration forms and entry fees to:
Brian Thompson
1257 North 3rd Street
Fargo, ND 58102
At site, register from 10:00am to 10:30am Saturday, May 2nd. If you show up late without being pre-registered, you may not be paired for the first round!

More Info: Contact Brian Thompson at (701) 298-0602 or email: BrianEThompson@yahoo.com

1998 North Dakota Scholastic Chess Tournament
May 2-3, 1998

Player Name: _____

School Name: _____

Section: ☐ HS ☐ JHS ☐ MS ☐ PS

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Entry Fee Enclosed: _____

action gets heavy on the kingside. the knight probably won't be able to get back fast enough to help in the defense.) **23. Kh1** (A necessary move to avoid the trade of queens. The d file battery of the queen and the rook is the key to white's advantage.) **Qb6 24. Qd2** (Black needs to be especially careful after this move. White can transfer the queen to the kingside at any moment creating a menacing attack.) **b4** (Black is continuing the strategy of gaining space and counterplay on the queenside. Once again, I don't like the move as it neglects all of white's threats on the kingside. If you take a look at the last few moves, you see a slow shift of white pieces inching towards the kingside and the same trend of blacks pieces moving towards the queenside. It isn't hard to understand that the game will be over in a few moves.) **25. e5** (Another move putting pressure on black's kingside. White's bishop now has an unobstructed avenue pointed at black's king. Also, the threat of Nf6 becomes a real possibility.) **h5?** (When you evaluate black's last 6 moves, you see 5 moves directed towards the queenside and 1 move that further weakens the kingside. Black has set himself up for the following shot.) **26. Nf6+!!** (Nearly every beautiful sacrifice is due to inaccurate defense as opposed to a brilliant combination. This is no exception. White hasn't done anything special in terms of piece placement. White just placed his pieces on reasonable squares and gained space in the center. Black created the combination against his king by making such moves as Na4. White now has a forced mate.) **gxf6 27. exf Black Resigns**

I would like to thank Jud Bergan for organizing a wonderful tournament. I fell in love with the 7 round format with time controls of 40/1, G/30. I feel the extra two games outweigh the slightly faster time controls. I would like to see North Dakota adopt this format for some tournaments in the future. There are several advantages to adopting such a format. First, it allows players to lose a game or two without being eliminated from winning the tournament. Second, rounds always start on time due to the sudden death time control. Finally, it allows more players to play each other that otherwise wouldn't. Obviously, the one drawback is the slightly reduced quality of the games, but I feel a 7 game format is something many players would endorse after they compete in it. I know I had my reservations before the tournament. I hope to see a huge turnout at both the ND scholastic and the ND Closed. I would also encourage players of all strengths to travel down to South Dakota and take a first hand look at the quality of chess tournaments they organize. Anyone that hasn't competed in a Governors Cup should consider doing so.

1998 North Dakota Closed May 29-31

TOURNAMENT PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Player Name : _____

USCF Rating : _____ USCF ID Number : _____

USCF Expiration : ____ NDCA Expiration : _____

Byes Requested : ☐R1 ☐R2 ☐R3 ☐R4 ☐R5

ENTRY FEE SCHEDULE

☐ $25 (Reg) ☐ $20 (Student < = 18)

☐ $ 5 Doublewood Inn Discount

☐ USCF ($_____) ☐ NDCA ($_____)

TOTAL PAID : $_____

Twenty three schools were represented in the kids' chess torunament hosted by McKinley School, Fargo, on April 11, 1998.

Top scorer in the K-3 group was Casey Erdmann of Park Christian School. Second high scores were achieved by Jonathan Greenland, Oakes, ND, and Michael Stecher of Centennial School, Fargo.

In the 4-6 grade group, 4 players tied with the highest score. They were Nathan Buerkle and Jordan Regan, both of Centennial School, Fargo. David Williams, Washington School, Fargo; and Nathan Mead, Riverside School, Moorhead. Lee Ryan, Eastwood Elementary, West Fargo, had the 2nd high score.

In the Jr. High group, 4 players from 4 different schools tied for the top score. They were David Greenland, Oakes, ND; Chris Calvert, Grace Lutheran , Fargo; Zach Peterson, Agassiz, Fargo; and Daniel Stone, Moorhead Jr. High. The 2nd high scorers wee; Mario Sabler, Circle of Nations Indian School, Wahpeton, and Kevin Chamberlain, Moorhead Jr. High.

2-28-98 PARK CHRISTIAN School LAST CHANCE OPEN

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980228599	1		11	4	R-F	SWISS STDRD	12244950

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12564947	1	THOMPSON, DAVID	ND	1030*	1093*	L---8	W--11*	W--10	W---9*	3.0
12451516	2	SAILER, MIKE	ND	2219*	2211*	W---5	D---3	W---4	U-----	2.5
12694274	3	BAKKEN, CHRIS B	ND	1704/15	1761/18	W---9	D---2	W---7	U-----	2.5
10327482	4	STARR, CAMERON	ND	1777*	1793*	W--10	W---7	L---2	U-----	2.0
12244950	5	BUERKLE, ROGER M	ND	1513*	1538*	L---2	W--10*	W---8	U-----	2.0
10327881	6	BAYLEY, ARTHUR W	ND	1402*	1433*	L---7	W---8	W--11	U-----	2.0
12526381	7	THOMPSON, BRIAN E	ND	1820*	1787*	W---6	L---4	L---3	U-----	1.0
10327334	8	FAUSKE, GERALD M	ND	1636*	1590*	W---1	L---6	L---5	U-----	1.0
12718191	9	CONNELL, GEORGE	MN	1073/04	1068/08	L---3	W--11	L---1*	L---1	1.0
12700720	10	ALNASEER, MOHAMME	MN	1247/12	1206/15	L---4	L---1	L---5*	U-----	0.0
12539864	11	HLAVINKA, DOUGLAS	ND	1233*	1177*	L---1*	L---9	L---6	U-----	0.0

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